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2 2. (Currently Amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ~~1~~ wherein said nucleic acid is deoxyribonucleic acid.

5 3. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ~~2~~ wherein said deoxyribonucleic acid is cDNA.

1 4. (Currently Amended) An The isolated and purified nucleic acid molecule ~~of claim 1~~ as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

6 5. (Currently Amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ~~1~~ wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes the ~~an~~ amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:3.

3 6. (Currently Amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ~~1~~ wherein said nucleic acid is ribonucleic acid.

3 4 7. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ~~6~~ wherein said ribonucleic acid is mRNA.

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7 10. (Currently amended) An expression vector comprising the ~~oligonucleotide~~ nucleic acid molecule of claim

1 11.

5 1. (Original) The expression vector of claim ~~10~~ wherein the expression vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid and a virus.

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